Science and Technology in NER

4599. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a provision to provide budgetary allocation during the Tenth Plan for the development of Science and Technology in the NER particularly in the State of Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An allocation of Rs. 172 crores has been made by the Planning Commission to North-Eastern Council (NEC) during the Tenth Plan for development of "Science and Technology Sector" in the NER including the State of Nagaland.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The government is making conscious efforts to promote science and technology in the North-East including Nagaland through various plan schemes such as state science and technology; science popularization; natural resource data management; science and technology based entrepreneurship; science and society; bio-technology and renewable energy.

Control of loss due to national disaster

4600. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Union of Geological Sciences, has made certain recommendations to Government to control loss of life and property in the aftermath of a natural disaster;

(b) if so, the details of their recommendations;

(c) whether Government have studied these recommendations for appropriate action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir. Government has not